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Bharat Ratna for Giri

New Delhi, Jan. 27(UNI)-The highest national honour, Bharat Ratna, has been awarded to India's former Presient Varahagiri Venkta Giri on the eve of the country's 25th Republic Day.

Dr. H.N. Sethna and Dr. Raja Ramanna, two atomic scientists who hit the head lines after the peaceful nuclear blast at Pokhran in the northern state or Rajasthan among others, received Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award.

The renowned carnatik musician, Mrs. M.S. Subbulakshmi, the leading social worker of Madras, Mrs. Mary Chunwala Jadhav and Dr. Chintaman Dwarkanath Deshmukh and Mrs. Durgabhai Deshmukh, the vice-chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University Dr. B.D. Nag Chaudhuri an educationist of Bombay Dr. (Mrs.) P.V. Thackersey are the other awardees of padma vibhushan.

These and other Padma Bhushan, and the third highest civilian decoration Padma Shri awards were announced by the President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed January 25 night.

The posthumous Padma Bhushan award has been given to "Ghazhal Queen" Begum Akhtar.

Among other recipients of Padma Bhushan are: Dr. B.C. mukhopadhyaya, Bengali writer, Dr. V.V. Mirashi, Sanskrit scholar and Dr. P. Koteswaram, Director General of the Observatories.

The popular artists to be honoured with padma shri include Amjad Ali Khan (sarod), B.R. Rajaguru, (vocal) Gopi Krishna (kathak dancer), Pandit Jas Raj (vocal) K.J. Jesudas (a popular play-back singer), M.S. Gopala-Krishnan (violin), M.S. Sathyu (producer of 'Garam Hava') and Mrs. Sanjukta Panigrahi (Odissi dancer).

India's erstwhile test cricketer Pankaj Roy, Dr. Ruben Devid, Director of Ahmedabad zoo, Miss Ivy Khan, national General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Jagdambad Devi, Madhubhani Painter, Dr. Stanley John, Cardiologist of Vellore Medical College are among the other 43 recipients of Padma Shri awards.

Green Paper on Immigration is Out

Ottawa, Feb 4

Ottawa, Feb 4 After almost two years of study the Minister of Manpower and Immigration Robert Andras has tabled in the Commons the Green Paper on immigration. "I look forward to the completion of this process with the passage of a new immigration act and the accompanying regulation in early 1976" Said the Minister.

As anticipated the Green Paper does not make any firm policy recommendations. On the other hand it brings together a great mass of data on Canadian population and immigration. Also it pin points various options open to the people of Canada as far as population growth and immigration are concerned. One option suggested is to eliminate the category of nominated immigrants eliminating this category would have barred 24 per cent of all immigrants in 1973. It is noted that in India 95 per cent of visas approved by New Delhi immigration office involve sponsored or nominated immigrants.

Another policy option would be to set annually the total number of immigrants to be admitted and have quotas for each part of the world. A third option is to set the total number of immigrants to be admitted during the year and then admit immigrants on the basis of the characteristics of immigrants rather than on geographical considerations. The fourth option is to maintain the existing system which is not highly recommended by the Green Paper.

Mr. Andras maintains that the Paper is for discussion purposes only and does not put forward government policy.

The race question has received some attention in the Green Paper. It is observed: "The rapid increase during the past few years in the number of sources of significant immigrant movements to this country - with those from certain Asian and Caribbean nations now larger than some traditional European flows- has coincided with the latest and most dynamic phase of postwar urban expansion in Canada....In the circumstances, it would be astonishing if there was no concern about the capacity of our society to adjust to a pace of population change that entails after all, as regards international migration, novel and distinctive features.

"What is perhaps more surprising", observes the Paper, "when our experience is set against that elsewhere, is the resilience Canadian societ y has demonstrated in accomodating so many foreign migrants during this period with so little social stress. In this respect, Canada's perfor mance has been remarkable.

Indo-Canada Association formed in Madras

The Indo-Canada Association of Madras was formally inaugurated by the new Canadian High Commissioner on January 18 during his first visit to the city. Established for promoting Indo-Canadian friendhsip and strengthening the goodwill and understanding between the peoples of both countries, the Association has ambitious plans for organising lectures, seminars, exhibitions, film shows, information service, youth activities, pen friendship scheme, hospitality for visiting Canadians. (The Society feted the visiting Shastri Institute Summer Program Group during its visit to Madras last year).

The opening ceremony began with a welcome to the High Commissioner Dr. Maybee and his wife by K. Kannan, Secretary of the Association while K. Rajagopal Chetty, President traced the genesis of Indo-Canadian friendship and the purpose for which the association has been founded. P.S.Vanil Arasu, N.S. Nagarajan and R. Radhakrishnan also spoke, the last of them a Canadian scholar in Madras who is an Assistant Professor in the University of Calgary.

Dr. Maybee in his inaugural address stressed the role of such societies in building up people-to-people understanding whereas, he added, Governments of both the countries were doing their best in their own spheres of operations politically and economically. He welcomed the trend of more Canadians visiting India than ever before and felt that this will certainly ensure a durable and mutually rewarding friendship between Indians and Canadians. Later in the evening, Dr. Maybee and his wife met the members of the Association and their families at a get-together at Hotel Palmgrove and exchanged greetings with them.

The pleasant function which was well attended came to a close with a vote of thanks by the Vice-President of the Association, N.R. Santhanam.

Dr. J. R. Maybee (left), High Commissioner in India lighting the lamp (Kuthuvillakku in Tamil Style) symbolising the inauguration of the Indo-Canada Association in Madras. Also in the picture are, President K. Rajagopal Chetty (partly visible), Treasurer A. V. Rajagopal, Secretaries of the Association M. Seshadri and K. Kannan.

Kaunda Receives Award

India honoured the Zambian President, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, by presneting to him the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding at a glittering function in New Delhi, on January 25, reports PTI.

The citation read out by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi described Dr. Kaunda as a "tireless champion of African unity and freedom" lending moral and material support to the liberation movements inside Africa.

Imports Rise

New Delhi, Jan. 20(UNI): With imports registering a faster growth than exports, India is likely to end up with a high trade deficit at the end of the current financial year.

Imports and exports figures released by the Commerce Ministry for the period April to November 1974 show a high trade deficit of RS. 42.450 million ($566 million) for the period.

Slow Growth of Hindi Blamed

Nagpur, Jan 31 (UNI): India's Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi has blamed Hindi protagonists for the slow growth of the language and advised them to win the hearts of other people in the interest of Hindi itself.

Inaugurating the five-day World Hindi Convention — first of its type — at a colourfully decorated "Pandal" (stage) with the Mauritius Prime Minister, Dr. Seewoosagar Ramgoolam in the chair, Mrs Gandhi made it clear that the Government of India was averse to compelling the non-Hindi speaking people to accept Hindi.

Mrs Gandhi said an impression had gone round in the non-Hindi speaking areas that the spread of Hindi would be at the cost of their languages.

"For this state of affairs" she pointed out, the "over enthusiasm" of Hindi protagonists is responsible. Therefore Hindi-speaking people should try to set at rest all the doubts and try to win the hearts of others. Only then could Hindi grow.

Mrs Gandhi wanted every child to learn three languages:

His mother tongue, Hindi for inter-state purposes and English for communication with other countries.

About 2,000 delegates from 25 countries are attending the Convention.

The countries represented at the Convention include the Soviet Union, the United States, Canada, France, Italy, Hungary, Japan, Mongolia, Poland, Sri Lanka, Trinidad, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Denmark, Bangladesh and Burma.

Prominent foreign Hindi scholars who have come are, Father Camille Bulcke (Belgium), Kazi Ashrae Mahud (Bangladesh), Dr. Cristopher King (Canada), Dr. E.P. Chelyshev (USSR), Dr. Odolen Smekal (Czechoslovakia), Dr. R.S. McGregor (UK) and Mr Aske Deleon (UNESCO).

Change In IMF Articles Urged

New Delhi, Jan 31 (UNI)- India is expected to take the lead in pressing for changes in the articles of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to prevent the revaluation of gold, which would affect the developing countries adversely, according to informed sources.

The question of amending the articles of the IMF is one of the major issues that will come up for discussions at the World Bank Fund meetings at Washington later this month. India's Finance Minister C Subramaniam has left for Washington via London to attend these meetings.

India, along with other developing countries, will also insist on a revision of the present formula for extending funds by the IMF to the developing countries. India feels that the needs of the developing countries should be given prime consideration in the allocation of funds and not other factors. Many developing countries, including India, feel that other considerations influence the present grant of credits.

Device To Measure Skin Fairness

Rajkot, Feb. 3(UNI): The students and staff of the A.V. Parekh Technical institute here have designed and made an electronic device to measure the exact degree of the fairness of the human skin.

The device flashes on its dial a reading when any part of the body is brought before the screen.

The dial is marked from zero to hundred, indicating zero for black.

Indo-U.S. Business Council Set Up

Washington, Feb. 3(UNI): The United States and India have agreed to establish a joint Business Council to increase direct contacts between business sectors including Indian government enterprises in industrial and commercial projects of high priority.

The agreement emerged from a two-day meeting of the Economic and Commercial sub-commission of the India-U.S. joint commission.

The joint commission is due to meet here in March following sub-commission in science and technology, cultural and educational exchanges.

Indian officials expressed interest in expanding the scope of Indian exports to the U.S. and agreed to provide a list of products with potential for increased exports, engineering products and electronics are on the Indian list.

Trade between the U.S. and India in 1974 amounted to more than one billion dollars with 250 million dollar surplus for the U.S. Due to the large Indian grain purchases in the U.S., trade in 1973 totaled one billion dollars with only a slight advantage.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Economic Affairs, Thomas Enders, and India's Finance Secretary, M.G. Kaul, were co-chairman of the sub-commission meeting.

They agreed to exchange a list of high priority items which would be subject to increased trade.

Asian Education and Economic Needs

Bangalore, Jan 30 (UNI): Scientific education in Asia, Africa and Latin America was "thoroughly irrelevant to the economic needs of the nation." Dr. Bhagavanatham, President of the Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (COSTED) said here.

Talking to newsmen, he said the "COSTED" would be meeting in Colombo this month to discuss the problem of science education at college level and its relevance to the development of developing countries.

Nepal, Burma, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Iran, Afghanistan and Bangladesh would participate in the Confer-fence, he said.

Dr. Bhagavantham said in India also, science education had been lopsided. In 90 out of 100 cases, a science graduate does not contribute to the economic development of the country. He does not learn from the point of view of the country's economic development. This is because education was not linked to the country's needs.

He said though we have sufficient mineral and water resources, we do not give sufficient priority to explore them and put them to use for the immediate needs of the population. This factor would be highlighted in the "COSTED" meeting and seminars, he said.

Indian Aid To Mauritius

New Delhi, Jan 29 (UNI): India and Mauritius January 9 signed a 15-year loan agreement for Rs. 50 million ($6.67 million) to enable Mauritius to buy sophisticated industrial goods.

The loan, which carries a rate of interest of five per cent, will have a grace period of three years and would be utilised for a number of projects in the private sector in Mauritius.

Gokhale Hopes For Accord

New Delhi, Jan. 31(UNI): India's Law Minister, H.R. Gokhale expressed the hope that the International Conference on the Law of the Seas in Geneva in March this year would help in the establishment of a zone of peace and cooperation in the Indian Ocean rather than one of rivalry and conflict.

Addressing the Sixteenth Biennial and Fourth Asian Congress of World Federalists on the second day, Mr. Gokhale pointed out that not only India but all the states bordering the Indian Ocean were opposed to the creation of spheres of influence in the region. About 250 delegates from all over the world are attending.

Congress May Not Bring Reforms

Poona, Maharashtra, Jan. 31 (UNI): Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan did not think that the Indian Government headed by Mrs. Indira Gandhi would bring about the "much talked of" electoral reforms in the country.

Addressing a rally of social workers here he said the Prime Minister and any other Indian National Congress leaders, including the Congress President, Dev Kanta borooah, made frequent reference in their speeches to the electoral reforms, but they hardly gave any serious thought to the subject it deserved.

Even the recommendations made in 1972 by the joint Parliamentary Committee on the subject were not thought worth the consideration and it was now left to the people to pressurise the Government to take up the issue in right earnest, he added.

Indo-U.S. Commission Exchange Views

Washington, Jan. 31(UNI): An Economic Subcommission of the new U.S.-India joint commission to improve relations between the two countries met for the first time here, Associated Press of America reports.

M.G. Kaul, Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, of the Government of India, and Thomas Enders, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affiars of U.S. headed the two teams.

Investment and trade problems were the primary subjects for disucssion. India's purchase of one million tons of foodgrain from the U.S. This year is being negotiated under separate agreement.

Arafat Hails India's Support

New Delhi, Jan 31(UNI): The Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat is confident that the move to open a P.L.O. office in New Delhi will give a good "push" to the Palestinian people's struggle to regain their homeland.

In an interview to the West Asia Correspondent of All India Radio, Mr. Arafat said the present step would mean "our friends, the people of India, are supporting our cause, our problem. It will help us a lot, give a push to our struggle more and more, so that we gain victory and return to our homeland."

Mr. Arafat said that through this more, a promise made by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to him in Algers during the non-aligned countries' conference has been fulfilled.

Mangoes Grow Like Jackfruits

Hyderabad, Jan. 18(UNI): Have you seen mangoes hanging not only from the terminal shoots but also straight from the old trunks resembling a tree of jackfruits?

This feat has been achieved by systematic pruning of trees, according ot Prof. V.N. Madhava Rao, Head of the Horticulture Department of the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Combatore.

Prof. Madhava Nao says the farmers in a 36-hectare mango grove in Madurai district of Tamil Nadu had taken to pruning after they found one of the trees with less dense canopy bearing bright and attractive mangoes while others bore dull green ones—unattractive and with poor market value.

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Vinoba Disapproves JP Movement

Nagpur, Jan. 31(UNI): Acharya Vinoba Bhave has disapproved of Jayaprakash Narayan's decision in accepting the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi's challenge to fight elections to know the people's verdict in Bihar.

"I don't favour the idea of fighting elections," he says and adds, "If you(Sarva Seva Sangh member) insist on it, I will dissociate myself from the Sangh itself." Mr. Narayan is a member of the Sangh.

The Acharya expressed these views at a meeting with top Sangh members who called on him on Recently to know his views on Mr. Narayan's movement, now published as a booklet.

Mr. Narayan is currently leading a movement in Bihar for dissolution of the state Assembly. The movement was started by a students Action Committee in March 1974 to protest against rising prices and shortage of essential commodities. Mr. Narayan joined it in May and changed its objective. Mr. Narayan also leads the Sarvodaya movement, which aims at public reform through non-violent means.

Tanzania Backs Nuclear Policy

New Delhi, Feb. 3(UNI): Tanzania has expressed its appreciation of India's nuclear policy to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

A Joint Communique, issued at the end of a nine-day visit to India by Tanzania's Prime Minister and second Vice-President, Rashidi Kawawa also called upon the littoral states of the Indian Ocean, the non-aligned nations and the world community "to redouble their efforts" to keep the Indian Ocean free of big power rivalries. Mr. Kawawa and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi viewed the expansion of the military base at Diego garcia in the Indian Ocean as a "threat to the peace and tranquility of the region."

Arabs are Grateful

Bombay, Jan 29 (UNI)-The Arab world will forge "closer and mutually beneficial" ties with India in all spheres in reciprocation of its support to the Arab cause, according to the United Arab Emirates President, Shaikh Zayad Bin Sulten Al Nahayan.

We assure you that we consider it our duty and obligation" Shaikh Zayed said in an interview to the fortnightly "Blitz" in Bombay on the eve of his departure for home after a four-day visit to this country.

Bhave for Hindi in U.N.

Paunar(Wardha), Jan. 31 (UNI): Acharya Vinoba Bhave has said Hindi has every right to be recognised as a world language by the United Nations.

In his tape recorded address to the delegates of the first World Hindi Convention, assembled here he said the total number of Hindi speaking people in the world was second only to English.

Acharya Bhave's address was recorded a day before he went on his year-long silence on December 25. It was read out to the delegates by the former Gujarat Governor, Shriman Narayan.

Acharaya Bhave pointed out that though the number of Spanish speaking people was 160 million, Spanish was one of the official languages of the U.N., but Hindi had no place yet.

Participation in MONEX

New Delhi, Jan. 31(UNI): India will take part in the International Monsoon Experiment (MONEX) scheduled for 1979, according to Dr. P. Koteswaram, President of the Indian Meteorological Society.

Dr. Koteswaram said this was part of the first Global Atmospheric Research Program (GARP) billed for 1978-79.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of a committee of scientists in Singapore last year.

Countries which attended the meeting were India, the Soviet Union, the United States, Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Three geo-stationary satellites stationed over the Equator at zero, seventy and 140 degrees east respectively, would help weather surveillance. The satellites would be launched by the European Space Research Organisation (ESRO), the Soviet Union and Japan.

BLD Member Unseated

Chandigarh, Jan 29 (UNI): The Bhartiya Lok Dal, which was recognised as a national party recently, received a severe jolt in the Haryana Legislative Assembly when one of its members was expelled from the house and his seat declared vacant.

The expelled member, Hardwari Lal, a former state minister, was found guilty of breach of privilege and contempt of the house by the Privileges Committee headed by the Congress legislator, Gulab Singh Jain.

The former Vice-Chancellor of the Kurukshetra University and principal of a Delhi University college, was punished on the basis of his two booklets entitled "A Chief Minister runs amuck--" "Indian democracy in danger" and "Emergency of rough and corrupt politics in India-- anatomy of a Chief Minister."

The sixteen-page report of the Committee was debated for 30 minutes and was unanimously adopted by voice vote in the absence of Hardwari Lal. While some of the Opposition members pleaded that the punishment was too severe, the ruling party members said the punishment was too mild.

Indo Polish Agreement

New Delhi, Jan. 31(UNI): An Indo-Polish Cultural Exchange program for 1975 and 1976 was signed at a ceremony here in the presence of the Indian Education Minister, Professor Nurul Hasan and Poland's Deputy Prime Minister, Jan Mitrega.

The Program, comprising 48 projects, covers exchange and cooperation in the fields of education, art and culture, press films, radio, television and sports.

The Program also specifies collaboration between Delhi and Warsaw universities and also between the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, and the mining academy in Cracow, Poland.

Mrs. Gandhi Deplores Power Concentration

New Delhi, Jan 31.(UNI): Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi has said that "concentration of economic power, I am afraid, is still dominant in spite of the many bold steps we have taken."

"I agree this concentration does prevent even production. For instance the industries do not work to full capacity so that they could get higher prices for their products," she added.

Mrs. Gandhi was answering question by 'Link' an English weekly published from Delhi for its Republic Day number.

Dwelling on various problems prevailing in the country, Mrs. Gandi said "If the people will take the trouble to understand what has caused their difficulties the Government will be in a stronger position to mitigate (them).

A Government's strength was the people and a government by itself was nothing, she observed.

Referring to agitations, she said "what is serious is not that they are aimed against the (Ruling Indian National) Congress or aginst me personally or even against democracy. I feel sorry that they are aimed against the cohesiveness of the country together and have kept it basically strong.

On elections Mrs. Gandhi asserted "I certainly do not think that proportional representation will be a more accurate indication of the people's will than direct election."

JP Accuses Indira of Creating Hysteria

Patna, Jan. 30 (UNI): The Sarvodaya leader, Jayaprakash Narayan has charged the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi with trying to "ship up a climate of hysteria in the country with the help of the (pro-Moscow) Communist Party of India."

Mr. Narayan, who returned here from a tour of Madhya Pradesh, said in a statement that to hold him responsible for creating a climate of hatred and violence would not only be an insult to him but also to the intelligence of the people.

Iraq to Maintain Crude Supply

Baghdad, Jan. 31(UNI): Iraq has agreed to maintain its supply of crude oil to India in 1975 at last year's level of 2.8 million tons and the two countries have reached a broad agreement on collaboration in setting up a sponge iron plant in Iraq and an iron pelletisation plant near Donamalai in Karanataka.

The two countries also agreed that trade between them in 1975 should be doubled. They expressed satisfaction that the total trade turnover last year had registered more than 80 per cent rise over that of the previous year."

An Iraqi delegation will visit India early next month to finalise the details of crude oil port and the setting up of iron pelletisation and sponge iron plants.

Indian Aid to Pakistan

New Delhi, Jan 29 (UNI): The External Affairs Minister, Y.B. Chavan has conveyed to Pakistan India's offer to relief materials for the victims of the recent earthquake in northern Pakistan.

In a message to the Pakistan Minister of State for Defence and External Affairs, Aziz Ahmed, he offered to send medical supplies and blankets worth Rs. 2,50,000 ($33,330). This is in addition to the 2,000 blankets already supplied to Pakistan by the Indian Red Cross Society.

An official spokesman said that relief materials would be despatched on receipt of reply from the Pakistan Government.

Building for Mecca Pilgrims

Kozhikode, Jan. 31(UNI): A ten-storey building at a cost of Rs. 2.5 million ($330,000) to accommodate 500 people would be constructed in Mecca for the benefit of Haj Pilgrims from Kerala under the auspices of the Muslim Educational Society the Society President, Dr. P.K. Abdul Gafoor has said here.

He told newsmen that the building would be named "M.E.S Malabar House". It would be on a plot dominated by Shaik Mohammad Abdulla Malabari, whose grandmother hailed from Malabar.

U.S. to Supply Food

New Delhi, Jan. 31(UNI): India will be getting 300,000 to 500,000 tons of foodgrains from the United States at concessional rates from July this year, Indian Finance Minister, C. Subramaniam told newsmen.

The country may get a similar amount next year also, he said.

Mr. Subramaniam, who had discussions with US Government Authorities on the question during his recent visit to Washington, said an Agreement under the new P.L. 480 Act may be signed soon to facilitate these imports.

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GREEN PAPER

The much talked about Green Paper on immigration and population has been published. The real talk on population and immigration should begin now.

The Green Paper comes out with a set of policy options for the Canadian people to discuss and finally to choose. As Canadians or future Canadians of indian origin, our readers and their friends do have an obligation (or to put it in the Indian way, duty) to take an active and effective part in these discussions. We are a highly educated group and as such there should not be anything that prevents us from being somewhat articulate as well. However, care should be taken to see that the issues are discussed dispassionately and most rationally. Only such a participation can be effective and useful.

The public discussion starting now should have a major input directly and indirectly from both citizens and immigrants of Indian origin. This can, and should, be done at several levels. Firstly at the individual level we can write or send telegrams to our members of Parliament and ministers, write articles and letters in local newspapers and community newspapers, get involved in discussions over TV and radio networks, get to know more closely persons who hold political power and try to influence them (lobbying) and above all set a good example as a good citizen (or immigrant) of a great country which also happens to have a few racists. Secondly, as members of Indian organizations it is necessary to initiate the preparation of carefully worded briefs for presentation to the parliamentary committee on immigration and population soon to be set up and direct the efforts of the Indian organizations to local community activities rather than being preoccupied with the celebration of Deepawali or Republic Day. Thirdly, after joining some of the local organizations or service clubs, if not a member already, provide guidance and advice to these organizations so as to influence their views and briefs. Sometimes the mere presence of a coloured person in some such organizations will keep the polite racist from opening his mouth on this issue.

There is no denying the fact that there is racism in Canada. Probably only the tip of the iceberg is now visible. However, racism thrives in a climate of ignorance and fear. We as a community should do more than our due share to help to remove ignorance and fear and to bring the sunshine of knowledge, understanding and love to assure that the iceberg of racism melts away. Care should however to taken not to start sermonizing in the true Nehru fashion. It could probably backfire.

May we remind you that your future and your childrens future in this country are at stake. If you do not act, and act effectively and decisively, the future will indeed by bleak. What option will you choose?

Snap Poll Possible

Vijayapuri (Andhra Pradesh), Jan 30 (UNI): A general election may take place in the country "any time, possible by May next", according to Uma Shankar Dikshit, India's Minister without Portfolio.

Mr. Dikshit, who made this observation at the concluding session of the three-day Congress Workers Training Camp here called upon partymen to be prepared for the situation.

In the midst of so much speculation about a snap poll, this is the first time that a Minister of the Government of India has given any hint on the subject.

World Bank Assistance

Bhubaneshwar, Jan. 24(UNI)- World Bank will grant Rs. 20 Million ($2.66 million) for the world's largest coal based fertiliser plant being constructed at Talcher in the eastern India state of Orissa to meet its foreign exchange requirements for the purchase of imported spares.

Racist Thinking on Immigration

The two major goals set by Immigration Minister Robert Andras's green paper should commend themselves to all Canadians. But paradoxically, an immigration policy is only marginally effective in attaining them. That may become the major flaw in the new law he hopes to present following debate on the green paper.

Mr. Andras would like to see a reduction in the movement toward the three large cities - Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal - and a wider dispersal of population. He also wants to see - and he gives heavy emphasis to this goal - a social and cultural structure that would create as little tension and as much national unity in our society as possible.

Yet with or without immigration, the growth of the large cities will continue, and the countryside will be depleted. He admits as much. If the process is to be reversed, it must be done through a system of incentives and planning, largely at the provincial level, that has nothing to do with immigration.

As for our social and cultural structure, the green paper links some existing tensions with migration from developing countries, mainly Asia and the Caribbean. In other words, non-whites. Yet countries with a homogeneous population suffer grave social tensions. Italy today is an example. Chile is another. During American participation in the Vietnam war, the United States was still another.

A country moving consciously toward a just and humane society is the answer.

The green paper's emphasis on the importance of the right kind of social and cultural content in our immigration policy, equal to the emphasis on working skills, justifies the suspicion that much of the thinking behind it is racist. That suspicion should be brought into the open, inside and outside Parliament, and fully debated. Canada should not return to a racist immigration policy.

One admirable feature of the green paper's thinking is its preference for a flexible policy. While incorporating basic philosophy itself is fair to all humanity.

(Editorial in the Citizen, Ottawa)

Moynihan on Indo-U.S. Relations

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Harvard professor who has been in and out of a variety of government jobs under four Presidents, recently left India, where he has been serving as our ambassador. In parting, he made some remarks worth further circulation. "I wish India would balance her interest in the Soviet Union with the United States and I wish we would balance our interest in China with India," he said. Further: "A dictatorship will assure you a friendly press and enthusiastic crowds at the airport, and India can't do that because it's free. India is the largest nation committed to a free democratic society, and we should simply not forget that."

Indians, both official and unofficial, can be and have been exasperating to and exasperated by the government and people of the United States. They no doubt will continue to be, frequently. There appears to be something of a chronic personality clash between our two nations. But all that should not obscure our common commitment to representative government, a free press, civil liberties, etc. Except for the nations of western Europe, there are not many foreign countries with governments that share that commitment with the United States.

Over the long run, how a country is governed is far more important than the policy and strategic tactics of the moment. Life is extremely tough for a high proportion of India's population. Its government has had to confront staggering problems and has not always dealt with them wisely. But thru-out its brief history since the ending of British rule, India has nonetheless maintained, steadily if imperfectly, a secular democratic government, with freedom of religion, an uncensored press, and contested elections. This does entitle it to some favourable recognition and some kind words and thoughts.

Mr. Moynihan also said "We've spent 25 years talking about democracies and the only places we seem to be interested in are dictatorships." Mr. Moynihan sometimes exaggerates, but he had some provocation for his remark. It is important to the whole world that the government and people of the United States demonstrate the inaccuracy of that last quoted remark.

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December 14, 1974

Bridge of Self Reliance

Lucknow, Jan 24(UNI)- The Uttar Pradish State Bridge Corporation has scored the pride of being the first in the country to construct a bridge without putting any burden on the state exchequer.

The 1.01 million ($134666) bridge has been constructed over the river Rispana in Dehradun district entirely from a loan from an Indian bank.

Rt. Hon'ble Sir Ramgoolam, Mauritius Prime Minister visited India recently and concluded an economic agreement with the Government of India. Pic shows him with Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Are Political Assasinations on the Increase?

By A.J. Singh

Firstly, it has triggered off waves of apprehension in the already disturbed waters of the 'indian politics.' Government and opposition alike share the anxiety regarding the repercussions of his violent death. They feel that the crisis growing within the country's political system will now come to a head and that a recrudence of "political assasinations" will set in.

D.K. Borooah, the Congress President, sees the hand of "facist forces" in this tragedy and call upon the people to "vanquish those who are out to create chaos". Mrs. Gandhi comments that it was "a rehearsal and a part of the dangerous plan" no doubt referring to JP's movement. She also hopes that the tragedy would redirect the country's thinking along saner channels and bring restraint in the political life.

The opposition fears that the Government will exploit the situation to choke off all criticism. Their leaders have long been expecting the Government to crack down on opposition and put curbs on Parliamentary democracy. J.P. Narayan has come out with and outright condemnation of the deed, as soon as he learnt of it within three hours of its perpetration calling for a high-powered and comprehensive enquiry to prove the mystery surrounding the explosion. He emphasised non-violent character of the Bihar agitation and his own personal abhorrence of all acts of personal terrorism.

Mr. Misra's murder is significant on another count as well; that is its immediate impact on Bihar's political scene. Mr. Misra commanded the loyalty and respect of both the Congress Legislature party and the P.C.C. and to find an alternate leadership will not be any easy task. His position in the Union Cabinet had held certain wayward groups in check; with the check removed those groups will now be inclined towards waywardness. Also, the alliance with the C.P.I. will not find the same enthusiastic champion in his successor.

On the third count Mr. Misra's demise has exposed how far violence has taken hold of public life in a country which has always prided itself on its policy of nonviolence and peaceful co-existence.

Violence is committed when an executive authority insists on the unquestioned acceptance of its own opinion, ruthlessly brushing aside all questions and dissents. Violence is committed when circumstances are insidiously created in which the press can be, and is, subjected to pressure and intimidation.

Violence is committed when the party becomes intolerant of all that irks it and tries to destroy the object of its annoyance. Thus on all those occasions when the Constitution has been amended to suit the convenience of the ruling party, reducing it to a mere instrument of the party instead of being independent of it and above it, violence has been committed.

By the total destruction of the very character of the Constitution so that it can now no longer protect the citizen from the threats of the party in power, by making judiciary the arm of the executive, the ruling party has ushered in an era of opportunism, which has infested every sector of public life as the dominant philosophy of life.

The ruling party is committed to one policy only---**the policy of survival by any means** regardless of whether the means available to a party are within a democratic system. Its panacea for all evils is that the party in power is the only authority to decide what is best for 'the national interests'.

Does it sound like a democracy? With the ruling party adopting this note, it is absurd for the Congress President to talk of "fascist forces out to destroy democracy".

Mr. Misra's murder has highlighted the extra-ordinary lengths this policy of subordinating everything to the ends can go to. It can safely be assumed that the message has been widely received and more so by the politically motivated trade Unions ever on the look-out for a convenient example to emulate. Mrs. Gandhi is perhaps addressing the gallery when she designated his murder as a "rehersal" no doubt it is a good slogan for election campaign, but it is a miserably poor diagnosis of the nation's malady. Can it be that she really cannot see what is there so plain for all to see? Or is it an unwillingness to see?

To view the assasinations as a party issue and not a national one, as was done with the Licenses Scandal, which issue will not faze away into oblivion, bespeaks on the part of the Government a secretiveness bordering on furtiveness and makes the image of an open Government impossible.

The tragedy of Mr. Misra's demise is a grim reminder of how far the nation has backslided---a back-slide which cannot be arrested by any display of the ruling party's jugglery in amassing the requisite number of votes in a snap-poll.

Indo-Zambia Agreement

New Delhi, Jan. 27 (UNI): India and Zambia signed four agreements on various aspects of economic and technical, scientific cultural and bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

The three-year agreements were signed by Zambian foreign affairs Minister V.J. Mwaanga and Indian External Affairs Minister Y.B. Chavan in the presence of Zambian President Kenneth D. Kaunda and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Indo-German Ties Stronger

New Delhi, Jan. 31 (UNI): The bilateral relations between India and West Germany in political, economic and other fields had progressed satisfactorily, a joint communique issued at the end of two-day political consultations between the Foreign Ministry officials of West Germany and their Indian counterparts state here.

This was the fifth round of political discussions. The communique said: "the two delegations discussed subjects of mutual interest in the bilateral as well as international fields."

The next meeting will be held in Bonn.

The Economic Consequences of War

by Thomas Panakal

(Editor's note: The following are excerpts from Mr. Panakal's forthcoming book, **mankind and warfare**, to be published by the Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi.)

The transition of the economy of a nation from war to peace is bound to involve the significant problems of debobilizing the army, providing for the basic necessities of the people of the dislocated and war ravaged area, maintaining employment as well as outlining the terms for the adjustment of the economic structure severly damaged by war. Proposals for remedying the situation in England, the U.S. and elsewhere involved both governmental aid and directions. It is recognized that in most of these remommendations the indemnities and reparations would not be adequate to pay for the heavy cost of war or its ravages. The experience gained from German reparations after World War I has dissipated the illusion that no matter how responsible a country may be for war, that nation, all alone, cannot be made to meet the cost of damage regardless of coffers of war. During a great part of the period, 1919-'32, military expenditure in Britain was only 2½ per cent of the total national income; France 3 to 5 per cent and Japan 3 to 6 per cent. Toward the end of 1935, Germany spent 17 per cent of the national income for arms; Japan 8 per cent; Italy close to 20 per cent and the Soviet Union 12 per cent. Germany almost quadrupled the armament expenditure from July, 1936 to September 1939 - raising it to an amount equal to more than one-third of the total national income.

The war dislocated the economy of many nations. Social unrest and political chaos swept many countries with the force of a tidal wave. In England and Germany alone prolonged unemployment placed heavy burden on the people. There was a short reduction in their incomes. They were besieged with a catalog of other problems. House property lost its value. People sold their possessions for whatever money they received. There was no way to receive any credit. Men, women and children fled from several areas not because those places were constantly haunted by evil spirits, but they could not find jobs. They could not afford rent. The doors of hope were slammed on them. Wars made their hopes go up in smokes. Sir Arthur Lowry and Dr. Robert Pearse have vividly described the tragic conditions of the people of South Wales Coal Fields in their combined report to the Minister of Health in England. The loss of industrial activity was one of the deadliest enemies during the postwar economic and social reju-venation; industries became the sad victims of the depression which swept the entire region.

Is the transition of the economy of any political unit from war to peace an arduous task? Agreement exists among the world's leading economists, who have studied the problem impartially that the conversion of an economy from war to peace is not difficult to accomplish. On the other hand, they point out the prodigious economic and social benefits of such a transition on both regional and international levels. We shall take a look into this aspect now.

The Consultative Group to the Secretary General of the U.N. prepared a lengthy report on the general impact of a peace time economy; the committee set up for this purpose consisted of prominent economists from ten countries. Some of them were W.W. Leontief, Harvard University, Oskar Lange, Chairman of the Economic Council in Poland and the Deputy Director of the Institute of World Economics and International Relations in the Soviet Union. "The problems and difficulties of transition connected with disarmament", the Committee laid down, "could be met by appropriate national and international measures... There should be thus no doubt that the diversion to peaceful purposes of the resources now in military uses could be accomplished to the benefit of all countries... and achievement of general and complete disarmament would be an unqualified blessing to all mankind.

If the transition of the economy from peace to war has been facilitated without any serious economic chaos, what stops countries from introducing changes necessary to return from war to peace economy? Is the reason, then, an inherent national antagonism and pride? Or is it to satisfy the economic interests of a few individuals by setting aside the interests of many others.

Are not the schemes to promote the interests of handful of individuals pushing us always to the brink of war? An economy based on the production of war machines, according to Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, is basically sick. War is not a panacea to our problems. It is psychological Trojan horse.

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There are other facts. At least two important events - and both in our own times- demonstrate the fact that the problems of an economic adjustment are not insurmountable obstacles, and they have had profound impact on the economic and political climate in several parts of the world. Yet, the transition was effected without throwing the economic structure out of gear. At the end of World War II and the Korean War, the military manpower as well as defence spending were successfully diverted to a number of peace time pursuits. War helped make the boom short lived although it did not follow a depression. Bombs, marching of troops, burning of towns and cities - the general characteristics of any war - changed the familiar landmarks in various parts of the world during the last gruesome war.

economic strength the high cost of modern wars - with heavy losses in lives and materials render the method still less realistic or possible.

An inflationary spiral such as that which broke loose in Germany between 1920 and 1923 like an overflowing dam can wipe off a major part of the public debts resulting from actual warfare. Furthermore, the political and social causes might result in serious effects on the domestic tranquility of the countries involved and this further accounts for the proposal of capital levy.

When nations are engaged in war, the mobilization of foreign trade is vitally important to cripple the economy of the enemy and to bring him to his knees. A brief analysis of international trade and its effects would be within the preview of our investigation. International trade for one thing serves as a stabilising economic and political force in the world. The uninterrupted flow of foreign trade, in the case of certain products, adds foreign demand to domestic goods and raises price levels which may otherwise be low. In the case of other factors of production (like labour and capital) which are scarce in some regions, international trade tends to cut down prices through imports.

A cooperative trend among nations, and the edifice of trade built upon it equalize income and prices. World's vast resources, in this manner have yet to be utilized within a framework of unprecedented international collaboration.

On the eve of 2nd World War, there was a general intensification of the trend to absorb income for military objectives like a parched land under scorching sun absorbing water.

Expenditures in various countries varied depending on the nature of demands created by the exigencies of war. The following figures would illustrate this fact.

In 1941 the total military expenditure in Germany was at a staggering annual rate of 7200 million marks representing 72 per cent of the total annual income.

Hindi's Plight in Guyana

General Secretary of the Mahatma Gandhi Organisation, Dr. Balvant Singh, has written to Minister of Information and Culture, Miss Shirley Field-Ridley requesting that an investigation be carried out into the circumstances surrounding the omission of Hindi from a list of Guyana's languages mentioned in a GIS publication.

Dr. Singh was referring to a 45-page booklet put out by the Ministry of Information called "**Guyana in Brief**" page 3 of which contained the heading "Languages" with the following comment:

"English is the official language spoken in Guyana; as evidenced by its heterogeneous population other tongues and dialects exist. Among these are Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic, Wai Wai, Wapishiana, Chinese, Arawak, Carib and Warrau".

Dr. Singh said that this booklet was intended for overseas distribution and it was an insult to the 300,000 Hindus of Guyana that their ancestral language, which was, after English, the most popular language in the country - both spoken and written - was not included.

According to the Doctor, he was amazed that such a mistake should have escaped the keen eyes of so many persons in the Ministry of Information and Culture who must have gone through the booklet.

Dr. Singh has called for a revision of the booklet and an apology to the Hindus and other Hindi loving individuals of Guyana.

Science Congress

New Delhi, Jan 31 (UNI)- The 62nd session of the Indian Science Congress under the auspices of the Indian National Science Academy concluded here recently.

Here below are summaries from some of the papers presented at the Congress:

The present destruction, violence and rebellion in India was largely due to non-fulfilment of expectations for a better life.

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Sports

West Indies Win Cricket Test 3-2

Bombay, Jan 30 - West Indies defeated India by 201 runs in the fifth cricket Test yesterday, to win the series three matches to two.

India, resuming at 53 for three, battled hard to save the match on the sixth and final day but was all out by mid-afternoon for 202.

West Indies' fast bowler Vanburn Holder claimed six wickets for 39.

The Indians lost three wickets in the first 70 minutes yesterday, but a spirited seventh wicket stand of 72 in an hour between Anshuman Baekwad and Brijesh Patel held up the West Indies.

Gaekwad was bowled by Lance Gibbs for 42 while Patel resisted defiantly to the end to achieve his highest Test score of 73 not out, which included two sixes and nine fours.

The West Indies clinched victory when Chandrashekhar was caught at the wicket off Holder 75 minutes after lunch.

Final scores: West Indies 604 for six declared and 205 for three declared. India 406 and 202.

Bombay, Jan. 25(UNI): The second day's play of the fifth and final Test match between India and the West Indies was abondoned 90 minutes before scheduled close January 24 when a clash between spectators and policemen erupted into a riot in the Wankhede Stadium. However, the play resumed, was scheduled January 25 when the Caribbean put India into bat after declaring their first innings closed at a mammoth total of 604 for 6 wickets.

The trouble started when two young enthusiasts ran into the pitch and shook hands with West Indies Skipper Clive Lloyd on the completion of his first double century of his career. After expressing their congratulations they ran back to their stand but a posse of policemen chased them and beat them. This sparked off a big scuffle resulting in a pitched battle between the law makers and spectators with exchange of missiles from both sides. One of the spectators stands was set on fire which was extinguished later by fire fighting services.

The Chief Minister of the Western State of Maharashtra V.P. Naik who was witnessing the match, immediately ordered the suspension of the policemen who beat up the boy. It is the second such incident in five years in this cosmopolitan city. Though this is the first in the newly built Wankhede Stadium which currently stages its first Test Cricket match, the previous riot in the city took place in November 1969 when the Australians played against India in the first Test at Brabourne Stadium. At that time the trouble started when a confident appeal by Australians for a catch behind the wicket off Venkatraghavan's bat was upheld by the umpire after some hesitation. But play continued till the end, as the Australian skipper Bill Lary insisted that the play should continue.

Punjab Bags Maximum Gold

Hyderbad, Andhra Pradesh, Jan. 31 (UNI): Punjab won the Honour of hauling the maximum number of gold medals while West Bengal claimed a better points tally in the 13th Inter-State National Athletic Championship which concluded here.

Out of 32 medals bagged by Punjab thirteen were gold 13 silver and the rest bronze. West Bengal secured 41 medals including twelve gold and twelve silver.

In the Men's section Bihar topped the list with 75 points while Karnataka, who won the second place with thirty points, ranked first in Women's table with 39 points. Maharashtra women were second with 30 points.

India Beaten In Davis Cup

Lucknow, New Zealand won the Davis Cup Eastern Zone teams semi-final from India 3-1 when Onny Parun beat Anand Amritraj, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-8, 6-2, in the deciding singles match.

The meaningless second singles match of the day was called off when crowds swarmed on the court while Anand's younger brother, Vijay, was leading Brian Fairlie 6-4, 8-6, 5-7.

New Zealand won the two opening singles matches, but lost the doubles to the Amritrajs.

New Zealand will meet Australia in the zonal final. India made the Cup finals last year but refused to play South Africa (because of that country's apartheid policy), thus forfeiting the title.

Arabs To Set Up Industry

Pondicherry, Jan 29 (UNI): The Arab countries are interested in setting up a fertiliser plant and an oil by-product plant in Pondicherry, according to Gala El-Rashid, acting Chief, Chief Representative of the Arab League Mission in India.

Doubles Crown For Balram Singh

Bhopal, Jan. 31(UNI): Balram Singh of Delhi won the doubles crown of Madhya Pradesh State Tennis Championship which concluded here.

Balram annexed the males singles title defeating the top seen Narendra Singh 6-3, 6-4, in a lack-lustere final and then paired with his vanquished rival to clinch the doubles title. Balram and Narendra won against the U.S. pair J. Lagon and Elkins at 6-3, 9-7.

National Champion Nirupama Mankad kept her appointed place to beat Calcutta's Susan Dass 6-4, 6-3 in a scarcely entertaining women's singles finals.

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Films

SHATRANJ KE MOHRE

Produced by Ashok Chandra

Directed by Shibu Mitra

"Life is a game of chess. We are all pawns, moving on the chessboard as the great player wants us to," is what the film's title laconically connotes. But it is deceptive. After the credits, nobody bothers about the chess or the pawns. The game of life is played with all the old, estab -lished conventions.

The middle-aged villain is more a playboy than a happy-go-lucky rich man. He marries an adolescent rural belle and en -courages her to move about, go sight-seeing with a young man; but he takes strong exception when he sees them necking. The rustic wife, totally innocent of conjugal obligations, becomes "friendly" with her young escort. One evening she does reflect on her waywardness yet continues with her dalliance. The hero's hatred for the playboy's "games" is so ingrained in him that he quarrels with his father, quits home and starts living with a cabaret dancer. The hero's father humours his playboy friend, jokes about his love life but remon -strates with his son for his soft corner for the rustic belle, warns her of the consequences of her dalliance, anda dilates on the virtues of a wife being a **pati-varta.**

Then the villain is murdered; and the surprise in the solution of the mystery is that a film-struck buffoon of a screenplay writer, who speaks in rhyme and hardly moves out of his dwelling, is the murderer. But this is not at all convincing. One fails to understand too, why the police seek his sister's cooperation in getting at him when he could be booked on "foolproof" evidence. And what is one to make of the heroine's retort: ("Youth can be a support for old age but it cannot compete with old age in sports")?

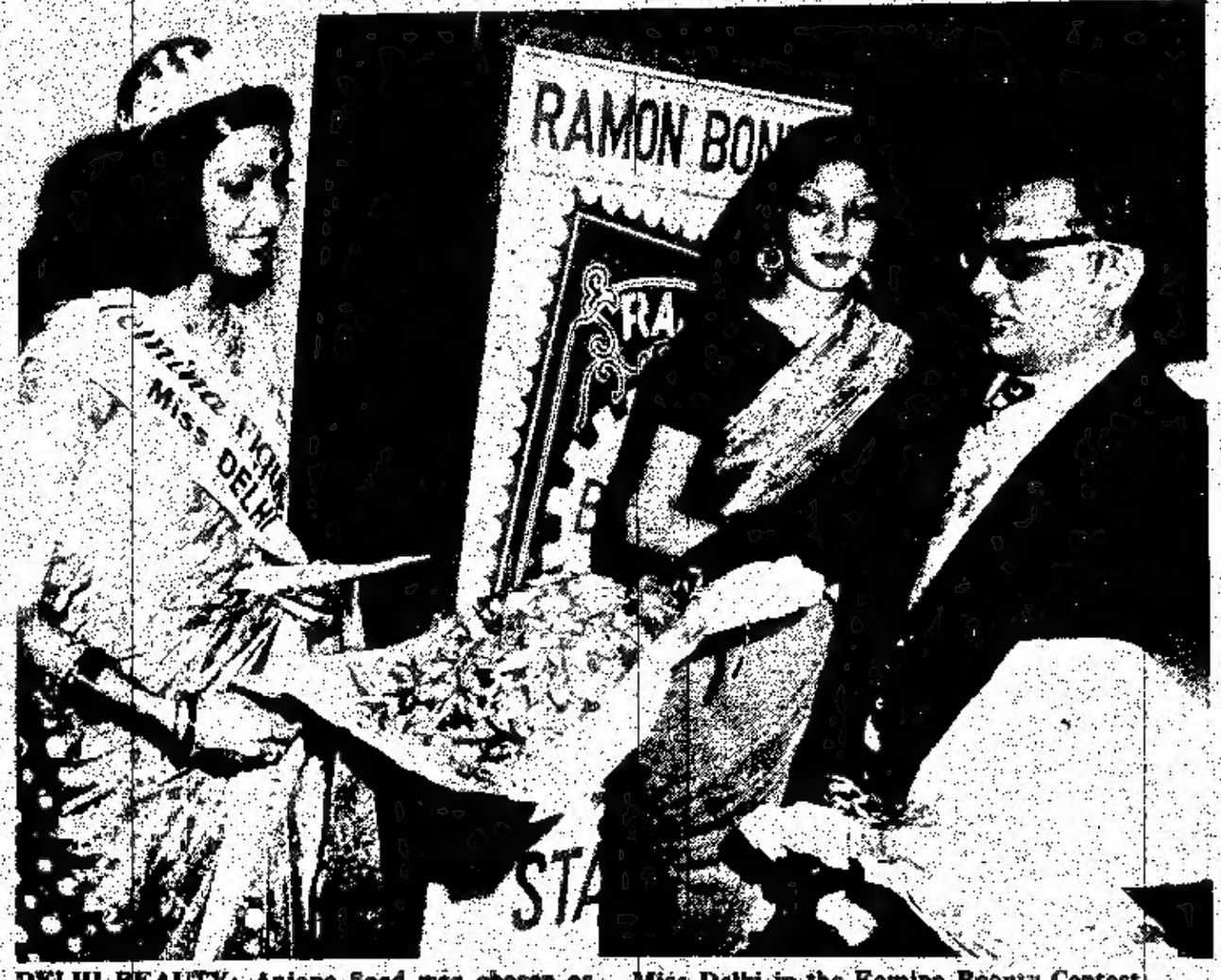
Contradictions in character there may be in real life when a person has a double personality or double standards. However in **Shatranj ke mohre** that is not the case. The contradictions crop up because of the writer's and director's uncertain presentation of characters. First-time pro -ducer Ashok Chandra, pre -viously a none-film hero (**Nai Umar ki Nai Fasal**), is his own writer. He says that he started out making an off-beat film with new talent and daring theme, like **Chetna, Dastak** and **do Raha** but he did not have the courage to stick to it. By the time the film was released, the new talent had become stale and its daring theme, an adolescent wife's affair outside conjugal love, became a victim of many compromises.

Shibu Mitra had earlier directed two action films -- **Bindiya aur Bandook** and **Khoon ki Keemat** -- shot mostly on location. He does not show that he has made any progress in **Shatranj ke Mohre.** Following in the footsteps of Pran, Nitin Sethi is fast creating a hateful image for himself: a modern villain out to ravish any woman coming his way. In **Ailingan,** he forced himself on his stepdaughter by his second marriage. Rakesh Pandey -cannot, in spite of his best effort, shake off his imitation of Dilip Kumar; the same facial express -ions, the same mannerism, the same stances, the same voice projection. Only his portrayal of a villager in **Interzar** was different.

Neetu Singh's daring photographs and controversial statements in film magazines might make her discussably hot stuff but the type of acting she has done in three of her films, including **Rikshawala** and **Hawas,** won't take her anywhere.

Ravindra Jain, the music director, has established himself after the success of **Chor MACNAYE Sor.** However he has yet to compose a tune that will catch the imagi -nation of the masses. This much about the new talent.

Old-timers Pradeep Kumar, Bharat Bhooshan, Harindranath Chattopadhyaya and Indrani -Mukerji are the smaller pawns. But theirs is no small contri -bution.



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barring accidents, the Commonwealth's heads of government will announce, at their meeting in Kingston, Jamaica, at the beginning of May, that the new head of their joint secretariat in London will be the foreign minister of Guyana Sir Shridath Surendranath ("Sonny") Ramphal. Since the secretariat was created and installed in Marlborough House in 1965 it has had only one chief.

Arnold Smith, a senior Canadian career diplomat who had formerly served as, among other things, ambassador in Moscow. During his 10 years the amiable and patient Mr Smith has had both to shape an infant organisation and to steer it through some exceptionally strained periods.

Right back at the start in 1965, India and Pakistan fought a war and Rhodesia embarked on the career of illegal independence that envenomed relations between Britain and the African Commonwealth members; later the Nigerian civil war, which split the other African states' ranks, and the 1971 India-Pakistan conflict imposed fresh strains. The retiring Secretary-General and his staff have worked their way pertinaciously through these and other turbulences, and now that the other Commonwealth members have come to terms so well with Britain's entry into the EEC, and the Africans' bitterness over Britain's abortive bid for South African arms deals has given place to the Afro-British rapprochement that became visible during Mr Callaghan's tour this month, the new man may have a good prospect of calmer seas and clearer skies ahead. Puns are already being made about "Sonny" and "Sunny".

In a characteristically grotesque move, Uganda's President Amin has named a rival candidate — none other than his own exiled predecessor, Milton Obote. But apart from this challenge, which has not been taken seriously, Sir Shridath looks like being a show-in. His own prime minister, Forbes Burnham, lobbied for him far and wide last year—when a slight procedural hitch arose after the abrupt displacement from office of Archbishop Makarios, whose seniority among the heads of government had made him the designated recipient of nominations.

A 46 year-old lawyer with a very lively style (and an English wife), Sir Shridath has lately proved an eloquent spokesman for the Commonwealth "associables" in their bargaining with the EEC and enjoys warm personal friendships in many countries. He will not have one of his Canadian predecessor's initial advantages, the ability to get a major member country to put its weight behind him; but he will be quite at home in the Commonwealth network. And his engagingly buoyant personality will help to publicise the work of the secretariat despite the fact that so much of that work

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ICA Trust Dinner

By Bharat P. Mathur

On Republic Day-eve (January 25), the India-Canada Association's Charitable Trust held a contributory dinner at the Confederation High School.

The menu consisted entirely of Indian dishes, with **rasho-malai** providing the dessert, which were highly spoken of by those who partook of the delicious meal.

The Chairman, Dr. Jindal explained the aims and objects of the Trust, which included the setting up of a community centre, for which $15,000 had already been collected. He particularly stressed the point that unless all members of the Indian community, irrespective of their religion, language and province, were behind the concept of the Trust and extended their wholehearted support and cooperation, it would be extremely difficult for them to fulfill its objectives and achieve success.

The Deputy High Commissioner for India, K.N. Bakshi, who was guest speaker of the evening, said that the laudable cause for which the Trust was formed deserved all encouragement. He complimented the organisers for having arranged such an excellent 'get-together' that gave the impression of existence of a closely-knit Indian brotherhood in the national capital.

Jain Society In Chicago

At the annual meeting of the Jain Society of Chicago the following members were elected for the year 1975. Jyotindra Doshi as President, Hemendra Maiseri as Secretary, Kanu Shah as Treasurer, Mrs. Vasu Chokshi and Kishore Shah as the executive committee members.

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Republic Day Celebrated

By Bharat P. Mathur

Undeterred by the sub-zero temperatures and heavy overnight accumulation of snow on the roads, the Indian community in Ottawa mustered in strength at the auditorium of the Rideau Campus of Algonquin College to witness a five-hour cultural program arranged in connection with the Indian Republic Day (Sunday, January 26).

Organised under the joint auspices of the India-Canada Association, the Indian Students' Association and the Algonquin College Cultural Society, the program began with the Deputy High Commissioner for India in Canada, K.N. Bakshi, reading out the message of the President of India, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, broadcast over All-India Radio on the eve of the 25th anniversary of the Indian Republic.

Variety Program

A newcomer to Ottawa, Hiro Advani, with his wife, thrilled the audience with an enjoyable qawaali. Ashok Sehgal, another new arrival, gave three delightful English songs playing on his guitar. A colourful Gujarati 'garba' folk dance, in which eight teen-age girls participated, with Rajni Patel providing the background music, drew loud applause.

Though at one time it looked as if either Advani or Sehgal had stolen the show, it was left to Ashok Sahani, also recently came to Canada, to eclipse all other amateur artists with his two exceedingly humorous skits that evoked roars of laughter. A two-hour showing of the emotional feature film 'Uphar' made the large gathering of fans packing the hall disperse wiping off their tears.

Earlier in the day, the Sikh Association celebrated Guru Gobind Singh's birthday, synchronising the function with Republic Day, at a **gurudwara** service in Metcalfe Street, where a big congregation of Sikhs, with a fair sprinkling of Hindus, had gathered to listen to sermons given, among others, by Sardar Ganda Singh, on the life and teachings of the great leader. All those present were later served lunch laid on in the **langar** style.

Inventors Get Awards

New Delhi, Jan. 31(UNI): P.R. Abhaynkar and Arun Joshi will share the highest award of the National Research Development Corporation of India which has announced this year's Republic Day awards for meritorious inventions to the Scientists.

The two scientists share the honour for developing superior heat exchangers by binding two aluminium sheets, thereby eliminating the use of conventional copper of aluminium tubes.

The second highest award of Rs. 5,000 ($666.66) has been jointly awarded to Prof. E.H. Darnwala and S.D. Sunanekar both of Bombay for devising an improved process by which consumption of sodium hydrosulphate has been reduced in the processing of textiles.

In all nine inventors will share Rs. 20,000 ($2,666.66) for their seven inventions and one of the inventions will get Rs. 3,500 ($466.66) as financial assistance for its development.

Multiculturalism Grant For Indian Organisations

Ottawa—The Minister responsible for Multiculturalism the Honourable John Munro, has announced 36 grants totalling $138,079 under the federal government's multiculturalism program.

This program is designed to develop an awareness of Canada's cultural diversity, and to encourage Canadaians to share their cultural heritage with their fellow citizens.

The following groups are among those which received grants:

The Gujarati Society of B.C. Vancouver- $5,000 to this organization for a series of cultural activities relating to the Gujarati culture. Activities continue from September, 1974, to September, 1975.

Indo-Canadian Association of Nova Scotia, Halifax - $750 to this organization to help finance its project "India's Republic Day Celebration".

Deshantari [Bengali Association of Ottawa] - $300 to this organization towards the development of its library. The association also provides cultural and social activities.

Sonar Kella Best Film

Calcutta, Jan. 24(UNI): Sonar Kella, a Bengali feature film, has been judged the best picture produced in West Bengal during 1974 by the State Award Committee headed by Information Minister Bubrata Mukherjee.

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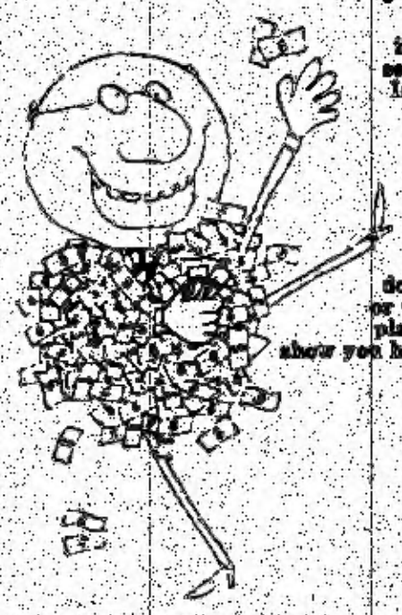

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Kitchen Korner

BY PRANATI SENGUPTA

Are you ready to try something new, delicious, and light? If yes, try 'Dolma Baingan' - small eggplant stuffed with vegetables and sprinkled with buttered crumbs.

Eggplant is a sure way to brighten up a winter meal. It's colour, flavour and low cost certainly makes it more appealing.

Dolma Baingan

6 small eggplants, about 4 oz. each (see note)
6 tbsp. ghee
1 medium onion, finely chopped
½ inch fresh gingerroot, grated
1 tsp. ground coriander
½ tsp. ground cumin
1/8 tsp. turmeric
Dash of garlic salt
2 green chilies, finely chopped
1 bag (12 oz.) frozen mixed vegetable
½ cup finely chopped cooked spinach
3/4 tsp. salt
Pinch of sugar
½ tsp. garam masala
2 tbsp. chopped coriander or parsley leaves
3 tbsp. sliced almond
2 eggs, lightly beaten
½ cup crumbs

Heat oven to 350° F. Butter a shallow baking dish large enough to hold the 12 eggplant halves in a single layer.

Wash eggplant and cut them in half lengthwise. Scrape out pulp, leaving a "wall" about ¼ inch thick to hold filling. Chop pulp finely and set it aside. Sprinkle the shells with salt and place them upside down to drain.

Heat 3 tablespoons of the ghee in large frying pan. Fry onion, gingerroot for 1 minute. Stir in the chopped eggplant pulp, stirring constantly, fry about 3 minutes. Add coriander, cumin, turmeric, salt chillies, and frozen vegetables. Cook another 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in all remaining ingredients except egg and crumbs. Remove pan from heat.

With paper towels, pat the inside of each eggplant shell to dry and spoon mixture into the shells, packing it tightly and evenly to a smooth surface. Pour 2 to 3 teaspoon of lightly beaten egg and spread evenly on the top of each piece. Arrange them in prepared baking dish in one layer. Combine bread crumbs and the remaining ghee and sprinkle top of each eggplant.

Bake in the middle of the oven for 30 minutes or until eggplant is tender.

Note: The eggplant makes this dish superb - but if you don't get them, small green zucchini can be used.

(The recipe promised in the last issue will appear in the next issue.)

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A Reception Program For Ottawa's New Canadians

The Citizenship Bureau, Ministry of Community and Social Services, province of Ontario, in co-operation with the Ottawa Board of Education, operates a New Canadian Welcome Centre. The Centre is located at the High School of Commerce, 300 Rochester St., Room 416.

Basically, the purpose of this New Canadian Welcome Centre will be to offer referral services and direct assistance to immigrants with regard to housing, employment, health care and community orientation generally. It will also function as a centre for newcomers who need immediate help with sudden problems that so often arise when one settles in a new land.

There will be a reception counsellor on duty in the Centre three afternoons each week from 12:30 to 3:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. The telephone number is 563-2309.

The Ontario Citizenship Bureau is responsible for the reception, orientation and integration of all newcomers into Ontario society. To this end, the Bureau is developing a volunteer outreach component, enlisting and training volunteers to directly assist in the Centre programme. The project will be guided by a newly-formed Intercultural Immigrant Services Committee respresenting social groups, ethnic organizations and other agencies concerned with immigrant settlement in Ottawa. Half of all immigrants who come to this country settle in Ontario. A good portion choose Ottawa as home and this number is increasing monthly. There is certainly a need for the service as offered. Hopefully many new settlers will avail themselves of the opportunity.

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